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GAUGE CONVERSION OF KATIHAR-BARAUNI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of gauge conversion of Katihar-Barauni and Khagaria-Saharasa railway lines unduly delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the gauge conversion work of these sections is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c) : Probably, the Hon`ble Member of Parliament is referring to doubling of Katihar-Barauni section, which is in progress in patches. Patch doublings on Barauni-Tilrath, Mansi-Maheshkhunt and Semapur-Katihar are in progress and targeted for completion during 2004-05. The gauge conversion of Mansi-Saharsa is also in progress and is targeted for completion during 2004-05. Khagaria-Mansi gauge conversion has also been approved as part of Samastipur-Khagaria gauge conversion. The gauge conversion of this section is likely to be completed during 2005-06.